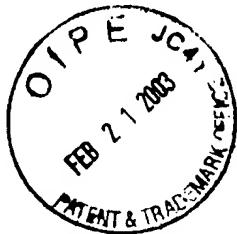


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In re Application of: )  
 Scott W. VAN ARSDELL, et al. )  
 Serial No.: 08/914,332 )  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT**  
**AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2002, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. With this extension, the due date for reply to the Office Action will be February 13, 2003. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$930.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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